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## Treholt: The Spy Who Wore Jogging Shoes

Arne Treholt seemed to know everyone who counted. The 42-year-old Norwegian diplomat set up the meeting between Foreign Minister Sverre Strøm and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Oslo earlier this month. He also arranged Shultz's press conference there after Shultz met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the Stockholm conference. Within Norway's Labor Party, he was seen as a possible foreign minister himself. So it came as a bit of a shock when such a diplomatic high flier turned out to be a mole. As Treholt set off on a trip to Vienna, he was nabbed with a briefcase full of secret papers. This time the friend he intended to meet was Gennady Titov—a general in the KGB.

Last week Treholt confessed to a 10-year career as a spy. He was in a position to know—and pass on to his Soviet employers—a wide range of NATO secrets. It turned out that he was a gambler, a horseplayer and a ladies' man. Blackmail was one possible motive; gambling debts another. Ideology ran third.

The Norwegians had suspected Treholt since 1977, when a KGB defector told the CIA that there was a mole high in the Norwegian Foreign Ministry. In 1979, after Treholt was posted to the United Nations in New York, the Norwegians asked the FBI to keep track of him. An avid jogger, Treholt often ran in Central Park, where he seemed to keep bumping into KGB agents. The Norwegians finally caught him in a trap baited with Foreign Ministry documents. Treholt was clapped into a special prison cell. Norway was only disappointed in him—the KGB may want him dead.